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1. COLORFUL SPECIAL CEREMONEY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, MARKED
CONSECRATION OF NEW PATRIARCH OF ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
HIS HOLINESS ABUNE TEKLE-HAIMANOT, FORMERLY ABA (FATHER) MELAKU
WOLDE-MKKAE. INTERESTINGLY, DESPITE THE PREVIOUS PROTESTS
OF THE COPTIC PATRIARCH POPE SHENUDA AND THE DETERMINATION OF
EGYPTIAN COPTS TO BOYCOTT THE INSTALLATION (REFTELC), CHARGE,
WHO REPRESENTED EMBASSY, NOTED PRESENCE OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR
AND HIS DEPUTY. PMAC WAS REPRESENTED BY MINEDUCATIONS, DR.
HAILE-GABRIEL DAGNE, WHO DELIVERED BRIEF SPEECH. NO DIRG
MEMBERS WERE OBSERVED.

2. THE NEW PATRIARCH HAS SERVED AS AN EVANGELIST AT
DEBRE MENFIRAT TEKLA-HAIMANOT MONASTERY IN WOLAYIA
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PROVINCE, SIDAMO RENIONAL, FOR THELAST 42 YEARS, DURING

WHICH TIME HE IS SAID TO HAVE BAPTIZED OVER 300,000PERSONS
AND CONSTRUCTED 65 CHURCHES AND 24 SCHOOLS. ADDITIONAL
BIO INFORMTION BEING POUCHED.
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